

Gillespie concrete expands pre-cast plant



PRE-CAST PLANT manufactured this 12,000-gallon oil-grit interceptor used for storm management in Bear, Del. The structure weighs 48½ tons and is the largest unit ever produced by Gillespie & Son Inc. From left are: Todd Gillespie, Robert Kennedy, Derwin Nieves, Arthur George, Plant Manager Gary Madden, Assistant Plant Manager Chris Carey, Joe Hopkins, Herbert Blake, Eric Walls, Vaughn Thomas, salesman Ron Fidler and James Gillespie.

Gillespie & Son Inc. — under the direction of James Gillespie — has expanded into the custom pre-cast, inlet boxes and manhole business.

The new endeavor has increased from four to nine the number of full-time employees in the recently expanded pre-cast plant.

New products accounted for 24 percent of last year's total sales. The

business is located in the Chestertown Industrial Park.

Founded in 1922, this ready-mix concrete business has entered the fourth generation of the Gillespie family as James Gillespie and Todd Gillespie are active in management.

George Edward Gillespie started making concrete blocks in 1922.

Controlling interest of the compan-

ing passed from George Gillespie to Victor P. Gillespie in 1945.

Edward S. Gillespie, the current president, purchased controlling interest of the corporation on April 1, 1969.

His middle son, James, joined the firm full-time in August 1983 and the youngest son, Todd, came aboard full-time in January 1993.

Recognized industrywide for its pre-cast concrete products, Gillespie began manufacturing concrete septic tanks in 1950 and added the ready-mix line in 1959.

The Chestertown plant was purchased in 1963. A pre-cast plant in town was built in 1970 as operations in Sudlersville then ceased.